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WOMEN IN ENGINEERING

Stand up and be heard

Caitlin Donnell
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It is not unusual to be the only woman in many of the engineering classrooms at Cal Poly, or in the industry, a position many of these women have not faced until coming to Cal Poly to be an engineering student.

"I came to Cal Poly from an all-girls high school where I was encouraged to go into engineering because I have always been good at math and sciences," said Paula Ergueta, industrial engineering junior and academic director of SWE. "It was fun at first to be the only girl in many of my classes. I had forgotten how funny guys were to be in class with and through it all, I feel that the guys respect me the same as someone else would, not specifically because I am a woman but because I am me."

She said she never felt segregated as a woman in a negative way. Being one of a few women in her classes has not made her uncomfortable, but has instead made her stand out

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This is the second part of a two-part series on women in engineering majors and the Cal Poly Society of Women Engineers

and motivates her to do better in her classes.

"The amount of guys that are in all my classes is pretty shocking to me because growing up, I had only girl friends.

Being from an Indian background where you don't really talk to boys that much," Sneha Parmar, electrical engineering senior and corporate marketing director for SWE, said. "And now I find myself to be suddenly surrounded by guys."

Darcie Levulett, civil engineering sophomore and philanthropist director for SWE, explained that women have to gain respect from the men in male-dominated engineering classes.

"I am in a materials engineering class with all guys, so, they have to respect me and understand me and see me as a person, and they do," she said. "I haven't faced any really difficult challenges yet. I have worked with groups of guys in many of my classes and they have been very open and they just see me as another per-

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CAL POLY ARTS



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Cal Poly Arts presented Eth-Noh-Tec, Asian Treasure Bag of Stories, in the Spanos Theatre Sunday as part of the Family Event Series. Eth-Noh-Tec is a young people's theatre that includes Asian mythologies, folktales and urban legends with Asian American sensibilities in lyrical and storytelling performances. Founded in 1982, the folktales and myths are influenced by Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean and Indian culture.

Students applaud budget proposal

Caitlin Donnell
MUSTANG DAILY

The California State Student Association (CSSA) praised Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's budget proposal that he announced Tuesday would eliminate fee increases at California colleges and universities.

The proposed budget provides nearly \$2.8 billion in state general fund revenue to the California State University (CSU) system. This represents a 7.3 percent increase over the current 2005-06 budget year appropriations, according to a press release from Clara Potes-Fellow in the office of the chancellor from the CSU system.

tem.

There is \$54.4 million included in this amount, which is above the state's general fund commitment as part of the Higher Education Compact to eliminate fee increases for students.

Jennifer Reimer, chair of the CSSA and Associated Students President at CSU Fresno, approved the governor's decision for buying out the fees in the 2006-07 budget year.

"If this (budget) is approved by the legislature, fees will not increase for students and their families next year, saving undergraduates \$204 and graduate students \$312," Reimer said in a press release. "College is a dream

for many low and middle-income families and by keeping fees low, the governor has made our dreams a reality."

Reimer added that the proposal is quite a turnaround from late October 2005 when the CSU Board of Trustees approved an 8 percent fee increase.

Joining seven Cal Poly students and many students from around California, Cal Poly ASI President Tylor Middlestadt traveled to Long Beach to participate in a rally to oppose fee increases.

Anu Joshi, President of the University of California Student Association and Graduate Student at

UC Berkeley, released a statement celebrating the victory of restoring California's legacy of being able to offer affordable higher education.

"We are ecstatic that the governor decided to prioritize higher education in his state budget proposal and take the first step in restoring the classic legacy of accessibility to higher education in

California," Joshi said in a press release.

Carolyn Ficara contributed to this report.

THE NEXT STEPS In the Budget Review Process...

February - Budget review by Legislative

Analyst's Office

March/April - Budget subcommittee meetings

May - Governor announces May revise to the January budget projections

June - Two-House Conference Committee

June 15 - Official deadline for legislative budget approval

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MAY 2004

Governor promises fee increases will not exceed 10 percent on an average over the next three years.

JANUARY 2005

The governor's budget requests an eight percent fee increase.

OCTOBER 2005

The CSU Board of Trustees approved the proposed 2006-07 budget.

OCTOBER 2005

Students travel to Long Beach to rally against the fee increase.

JANUARY 2006

Governor's new budget proposes to eliminate fee increases for 2006-07.

FEE INCREASE BUDGET TIMELINE

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son."

The male perspective

The Society of Women Engineers is an organization that supports diversity in engineering, and is not restricted to female members. In fact, almost 40 percent of SWE is comprised of male members.

Greg Hamel, an industrial engineering junior and the industrial engineering major chair for SWE, said he originally joined SWE because he was interested in being involved with as many engineering clubs on campus and felt that becoming involved with SWE would be a great opportunity for him.

"I especially wanted to get involved because I have seen how limited the number of women are in engineering and it would definitely be a boring and not a very diverse working environment without women," he said.

Hamel said he has met women who have had experienced problems with professors "shaking them off" and not taking them as seriously because they are women. Yet, he said for the most part he has not witnessed any discrimination or harassment in the classroom.

"I think that women in class can sometimes feel kind of intimidated being with all guys and I really don't think that they should have to feel that way because they have just as much right to be there as everyone else," Hamel said.

Justin LeBlanc, computer engineering senior and internal marketing director for SWE, added that men are always very welcoming of the women in their classes and that the women are oftentimes the leaders in the classroom and within group projects.

"If there are women who are intimidated in a class, it's not for the reason of being a female in engineering, not at Cal Poly anyways," he said.

LeBlanc said he is proud to not only be a part of SWE, but proud of the leaders who are able to put together a club "that does so many amazing things that it is a shame for people who wouldn't want to join and really participate."

Moving from the classroom and into the field

The lack of women in the classroom may seem grim, but the industry is an even more male-dominated work world compared to academia.

"I think some of the challenges that women face in the industry is the 'old boys' networks and all the 'higher-up' males in the companies," Sale said. "It is the men who have been working in the industry for a long time and haven't had the experience of working with women; it is these men that don't have the mindset that we, as women, can contribute just as much as men," Sale said.

Times are changing and women are proving themselves as capable engineers and moving up in companies, she said. So, as time passes those barriers are going to be broken, but they do exist.

Just one year out of college, Finger was once sent out on a contracting job where she had to tell a group of male construction workers to re-do a job. She said she was not received very well because she was an engineer, because she was young and because she was a woman.

She remembers them calling out to her, "Just like a woman, never satisfied." She said it didn't bother her too much because she was the one in charge of their paycheck, and like Sale, turning an uncomfortable situation

into a positive.

Working with males on a professional level in the workplace doesn't always have to be a challenge.

Jessica Wilbur, an aerospace engineering senior and vice president of college relations for SWE, has had an internship for the last three years where she is the only female engineer out of ten male engineers at an orbital sciences corporation.

"All of the guys have really taken me under their wing, all of the technicians help me a lot and I don't think that they treat me any different than the men," she said. "If anything, they are excited to have a female engineer there to work with because there are so few women, but you have to remember to speak up and make your voice heard."

Wilbur said that that is a pretty unique opportunity to be a woman engineer and that when she looks around the room in the building where she works, she feels empowered.

Sale has also had many experiences outside of the classroom working in the field with professionals. She worked for a large construction company in San Francisco a couple of summers ago and worked on a project where the average age of the engineers was 57.

She was one of three women out of a team of 60 engineers.

"I was working with older men who were not used to working with women, and they always treated me more like their daughter rather than someone who was on their team," she said.

"That only encourages me to make challenging situations like these into a positive and motivates me to prove myself as capable - something many women engineers are able to do to break down the strong barrier in this male-dominated engineering world."

Study claims sleep inertia dangerous

Staff Reports

COLORADO DAILY (U. COLORADO)

BOULDER, Colo. — Moving from the pillow to the workplace may be more dangerous than skipping sleep.

That because people who wake up and go straight to work may have impaired math, reasoning or memory skills compared to people who have not slept for 24 hours, according to the results of a new University of Colorado study.

Workers waking up after eight hours of sleep may have trouble with short-term memory, counting skills and cognitive abilities during the first few minutes after waking up. This is known as sleep inertia, said CU-Boulder Assistant Professor Kenneth Wright, lead study author.

"This is the first time anyone has quantified the effects of sleep inertia," said Wright. "We found the cognitive skills of test subjects were worse upon awakening than after extended sleep deprivation. For a short period, at least, the effects of sleep inertia may be as bad as or worse than being legally drunk."

The study has implications for workers that must get up without enough time to be completely awake or aware. Medical workers, firefighters and those in the military are examples of people who often must wake up, sometimes at odd hours, to tend patients or perform critical tasks, the study said.

The study monitored study subjects for six nights during eight-hour sleep periods. After waking, the study participants took a performance test that involved adding randomly generated, two-digit numbers, said Wright.

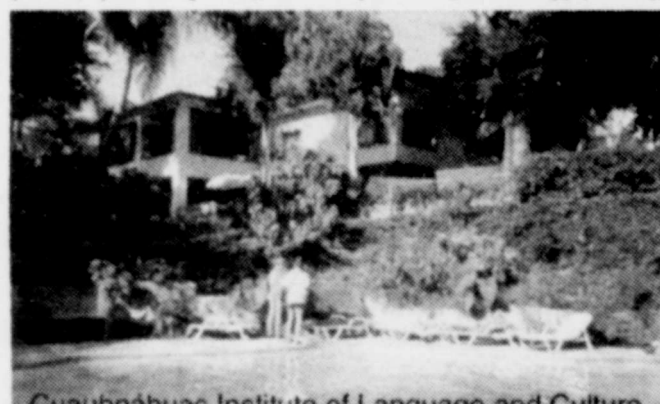
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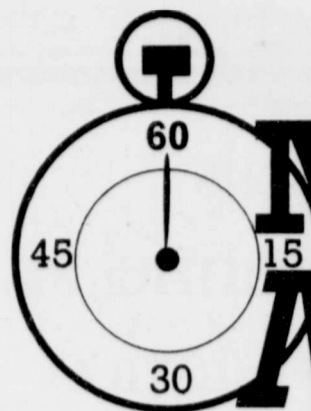
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WHO SAID THAT?

Getting ahead in a difficult profession requires avid faith in yourself. That is why some people with mediocre talent, but with great inner drive, go much further than people with vastly superior talent.

— Sophia Loren

The follies which a man regrets most, in his life, are those which he didn't commit when he had the opportunity.

— Helen Rowland

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The Face of



Cal Poly

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Favorites

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Food item: Yams

Book: "Lord of the Rings"

Movie: "The Shawshank Redemption"

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PETALUMA (AP) — Archaeologists are scrambling to save artifacts from a historic site where Gen. Mariano Vallejo's ranch workers lived 175 years ago.

The site was one of several on the North Coast significantly damaged during the New Year's flooding.

"We'll try to salvage it, we will take out as much as we can before it's lost," Breck Parkman, a senior archaeologist for California State Parks, said on Monday.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Supervisors voted to spend \$340,000 for computer software and other equipment to block access to pornographic Web sites at county libraries.

The Board of Supervisors voted in October to install limited filters on adult computers and more restrictive filters on children's computers to prevent library visitors from viewing sexually explicit sites.

MORENO VALLEY (AP) — Children under 18 now face a daytime curfew.

In an effort to reduce crime and keep kids in school, the City Council unanimously approved a new law Tuesday that bans juveniles from public places during school hours — 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Police officers can stop, question, issue citations and pick up truants.

Supreme Court clashes over fairness of California death sentence

Gina Holland
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court was split Wednesday in reinstating a California inmate's death sentence, a decision that came down to the vote of retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Justices voted 5-4 to overturn an appeals court ruling that declared Ronald Sanders' sentence unconstitutional.

It was the first capital punishment decision under newly installed Chief Justice John Roberts and probably will be one of the last cases in which O'Connor is an influential vote.

Senators are considering President Bush's nomination of Samuel Alito to succeed O'Connor. Alito's views track those in the ruling against Sanders.

"Replacing O'Connor with Alito in this opinion would not have made a difference," said Kent Scheidegger, legal director of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, a pro-death penalty group that backed California in the case.

Sanders was put on death row in 1982 for killing a woman a year earlier during a drug-related robbery in Bakersfield, Calif. Janice Allen was bound with a vacuum cleaner electrical cord, blindfolded and beaten to death.

Two of the four special circumstances used by prosecutors in their



Don Heller, who authored the measure reinstating the death penalty in California, urges lawmakers to approve a bill that would place a two-year moratorium on the death penalty during a hearing held at the Capitol in Sacramento on Tuesday.

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case against Sanders — that the crime was committed during a burglary and was cruel or heinous — were later found invalid.

California argued that Sanders would have been eligible for a death sentence even without those factors. The Supreme Court's five conservative members agreed.

"The erroneous factor could not have 'skewed' the sentence, and no constitutional violation occurred," Justice Antonin Scalia wrote in an opinion joined by Roberts, O'Connor, Anthony M. Kennedy

and Clarence Thomas.

In a dissent, Justice John Paul Stevens and David H. Souter said "this decision is more likely to complicate than to clarify our capital sentencing jurisprudence." Justices Stephen Breyer and Ruth Bader Ginsburg filed a separate dissent, complaining that the court's finding could "deprive a defendant of a fair and reliable sentencing proceeding."

Without O'Connor, the court would have been split 4-4, which would have left in place the lower court ruling in Sanders' favor.

Officials find tunnel at U.S.-Mexico border

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SAN DIEGO — U.S. Border Patrol agents stumbled on a cross-border tunnel after it caved in and the asphalt roadway above it collapsed, officials said.

The 35-foot-long tunnel, which was found Monday, ended in a patch of vacant land on the U.S. side near the San Ysidro port of entry, said Lauren Mack, a spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security.

The primitive tunnel was about 3 feet by 3 feet and appeared to have been used recently, she said.

The exit on the U.S. side was sealed with sandbags and metal strips, Mack said. Authorities did not know when it was built and whether it was used for smuggling drugs or people, she said.

The tunnel is across the border from an area that is either owned or leased by Mexican Customs.

No arrests were made.

Also on Monday, authorities in Nogales, Ariz. discovered a 40-foot-long border tunnel. Two men were arrested as they hauled 300 pounds of marijuana from the tunnel, authorities said.

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Thin is still in, but apparently fat is nowhere near as out as it used to be. A survey finds America's attitudes toward overweight people are shifting from rejection toward acceptance. Over a 20-year period, the percentage of Americans who said they find overweight people less attractive steadily dropped from 55 percent to 24 percent, the market research firm NPD Group found.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska

(AP) — A volcano on an uninhabited island erupted early Wednesday, spewing an ash plume about 5 miles into the sky.

The ash from Augustine Volcano was expected to steer clear of Anchorage, the state's most populous city nearly 200 miles to the northeast, meteorologists said.

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito was aggressively questioned Wednesday by Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee who accused him of inconsistencies on issues ranging from voting rights to ethics to his membership in a conservative organization. On the third day of confirmation hearings, Democrats also expressed frustration as Alito described the landmark 1973 ruling legalizing abortion as "an important precedent" but declined to echo Chief Justice John Roberts, who has called it settled law.

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) —

A former aide to Rep. William Jefferson, D-La., pleaded guilty Wednesday to charges he helped the congressman solicit bribes to arrange two telecommunications deals. A spokeswoman for Jefferson declined to comment. Brett Pfeffer, 37, pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting bribery of a public official and conspiracy. He faces a maximum of 20 years in prison when sentenced March 31.

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) —

A bank robber who was fatally shot, ending a 10-hour police standoff, had threatened to kill himself and his last hostage in his final moments, the Osceola County sheriff said Wednesday.

A sniper killed the male suspect and a female suspect was taken into custody, said Osceola County Sheriff Bob Hansell. Four hostages were not injured.

Bush says hearings on eavesdropping program will be "good for democracy"

Deb Riechmann
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — President Bush said Wednesday that congressional hearings to investigate his domestic eavesdropping program will be good for democracy as long as they don't give secrets away to the enemy.

Bush was initially opposed to having the program investigated in a public format, but made it clear that he is resigned to open hearings that are scheduled to begin in coming weeks.

Bush's decision to authorize the National Security Agency to monitor — without warrants — people inside the United States has sparked a flurry of questions about the program's legal justification.

Bush defended the program during a campaign-style town hall meeting, saying he understands concerns about it but monitoring the phone calls of affiliates of the terrorist network al Qaeda is necessary to protect the United States. He said he made sure he had the legal authority to allow the program before he did so.

"There will be a lot of hearings to talk about that, but that's good for democracy," he said. "Just so long as the hearings, as they explore whether or not I had the prerogative to make the decision I make, doesn't tell the enemy what

we're doing. See, that's the danger."

In the days after the program's existence was revealed, Bush cautioned against hearings, arguing that the appropriate members of Congress were being consulted privately and offering assurances that he was working within the law to authorize the eavesdropping.

"Any public hearings on programs will say to the enemy, 'Here's what they do — adjust.' This is a war," Bush said at a December news conference when asked about expected hearings on Capitol Hill.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled hearings on the issue for early February. The Senate Intelligence Committee also plans to hold hearings that will be closed to the public.

For the second time in a month, Bush took questions from audience members during an appearance to win support for his war on terror.

In his opening remarks, he defended the global war on terrorism and the U.S. effort in Iraq. He said insurgents in Iraq were trying to drive the United States out through violence and bloodshed but he declared, "They're not going to shake my will."

While saying he wanted to bring American troops home, he said, "I don't want them to come home without achieving the victory."

In a question and answer session, Bush was asked about Iraq, education priorities, immigration, the economy, health care and other subjects. He said the war on terrorism would not end with an enemy surrender, as was the case in World War II. "I don't envision a signing ceremony on the USS Missouri," Bush said. "The peace won't be the kind of peace we're used to."

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said questions from the audience were not pre-screened, and Bush himself said that while the event was about terrorism, no questions were off limits.

Kentucky, where Iraq is taking center stage in politics, provided an appropriate backdrop for Bush's remarks.

Kentucky Rep. Anne Northup, a Republican ally of Bush who joined him at the event, describes the situation in Iraq as "painful." Yet, she stands firmly behind the his decision to invade that country, a potentially divisive issue in Northup's upcoming re-election campaign.

In contrast, Iraq war veteran Andrew Horne, a Democrat running for her seat, said the invasion was a mistake because the threat of weapons of mass destruction — a key justification for the war — never materialized.

7-year-old leads police on chase

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. — Eager to get his driver's license, a 7-year-old boy put on his seat belt and remembered to use his turn signal as he took his parents' pickup truck out for a spin, leading police on a slow pursuit around town.

Officers initially thought they were chasing a drunken driver Monday night.

"He was weaving and all over the road. He couldn't stay in his lane," Officer Josh Laverette said.

Instead, when the truck finally stopped in front of a home after the seven-mile escapade, they found a second-grader, barely four-feet-tall, behind the wheel. The house belonged to his parents.

"He was so short he had to sit up close to the steering wheel," Laverette said. "Whenever he would brake, he would pick himself up with his left foot and stomp on the brake with his right."

The pickup had swerved through traffic and busy intersections, nearly hitting one car stopped at a stop light and barely missing at least five oncoming cars, Laverette said.



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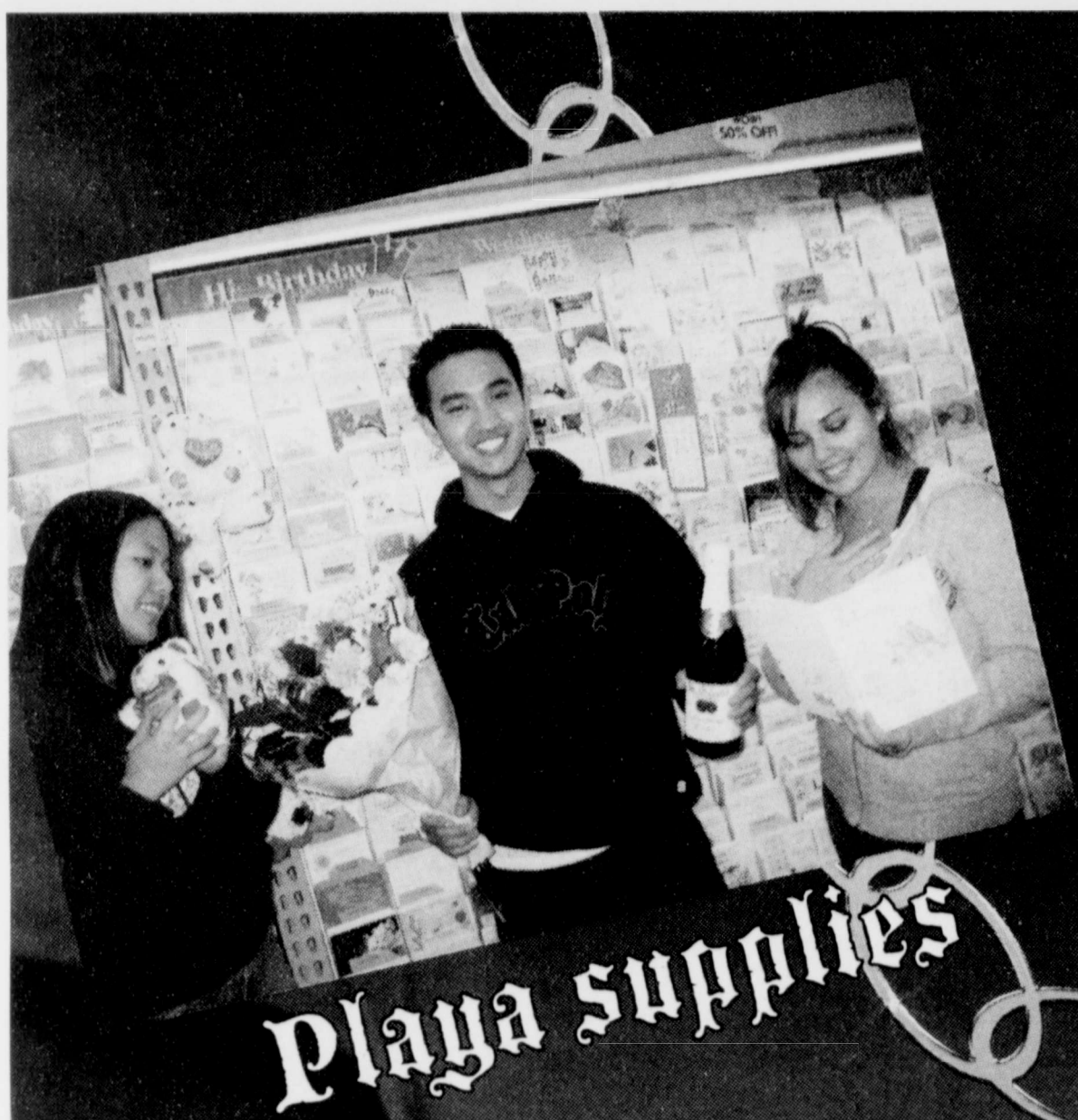
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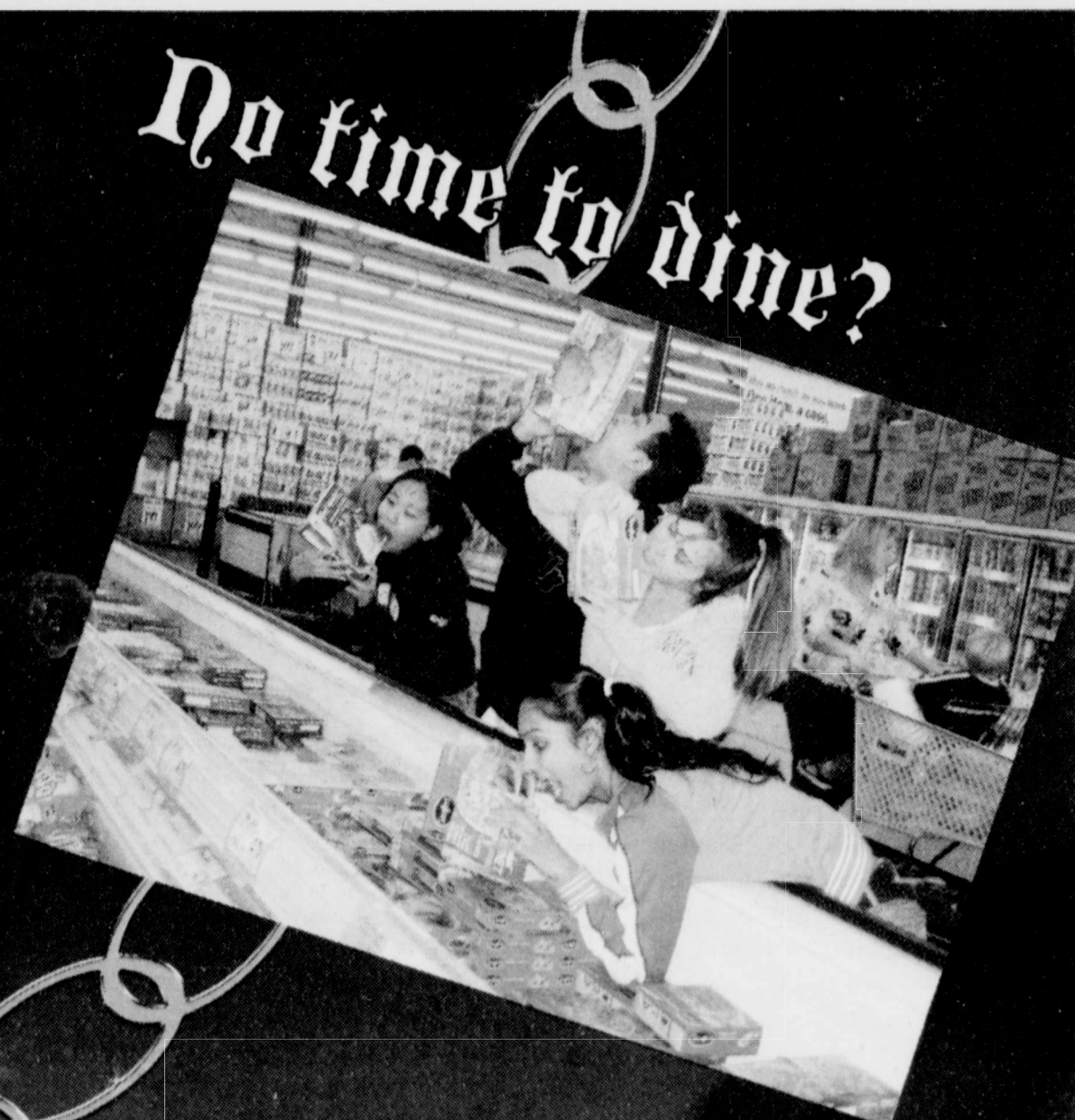
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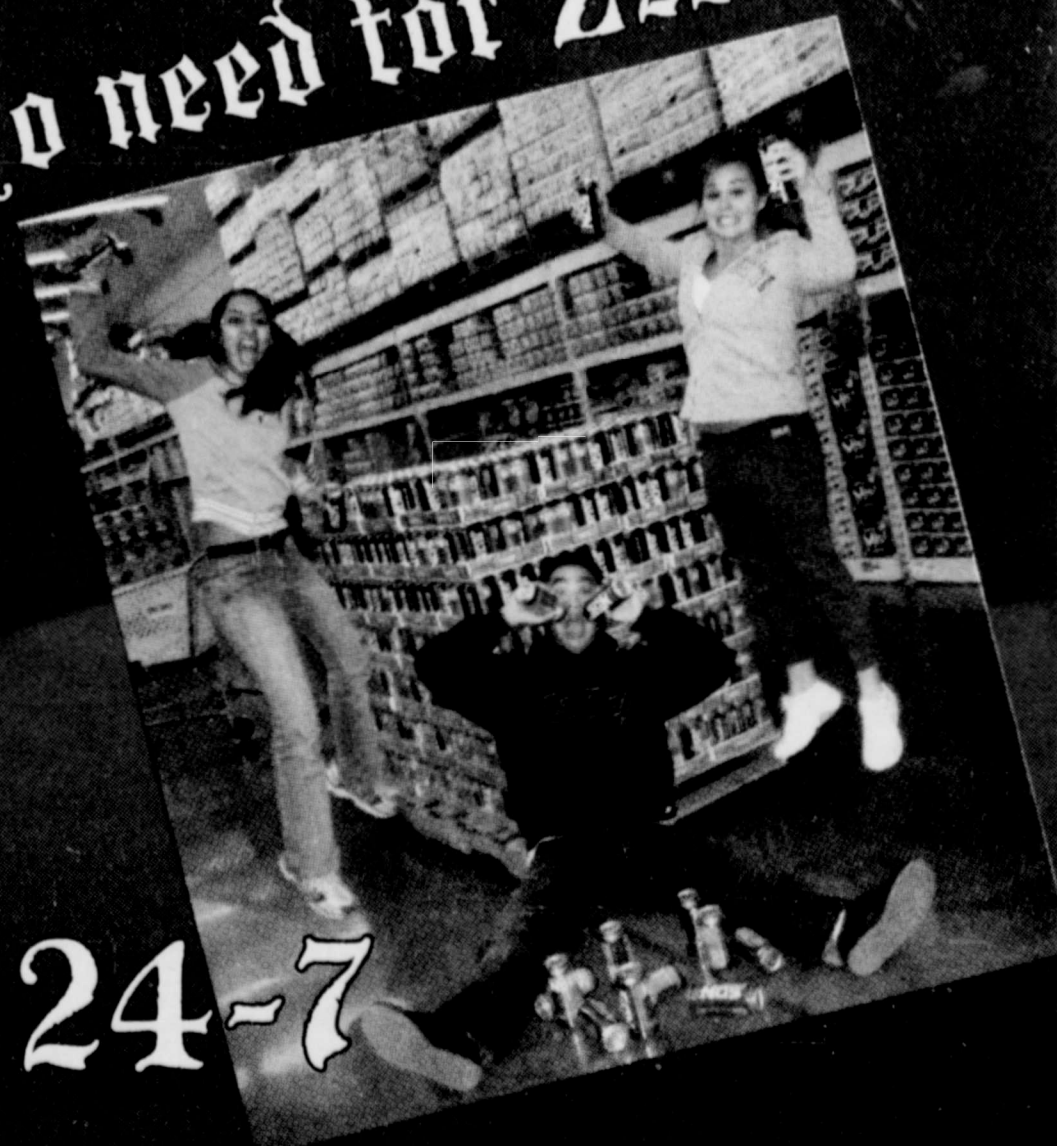


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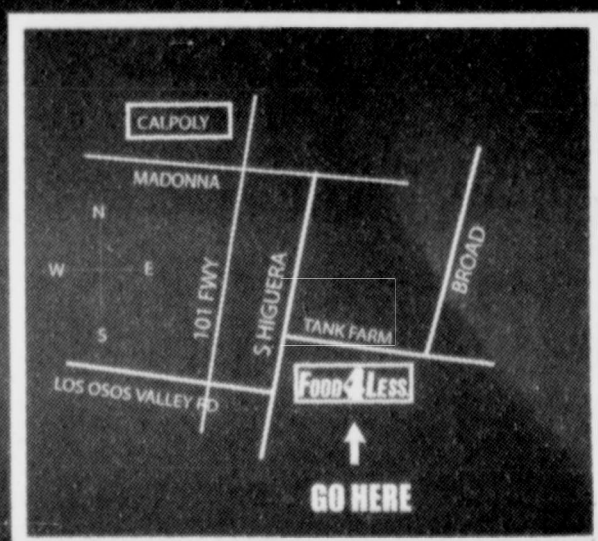
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Katie Kuehn
THE POST (OHIO U.)

ATHENS, Ohio — A male chauvinist pig was a title given to men who believed they were superior to women. From the man who refers to his waitress as "tootsie" after slapping her on the behind, all the way down to the grade-school boys who won't let their female classmate play in a game of kickball — the term "male chauvinist pig" has been around for a while.

Thanks to author Ariel Levy, the term "female chauvinist pig" is introduced into popular culture.

In her first book, "Female Chauvinist Pigs: Women and the Rise of Raunch Culture," Levy raised an interesting point: Women must unite in order to advance in today's culture. But how can they when there is a wave of women out there that claim they hate girls? The feminist chauvinist pig shuns girls who care about their looks.

Levy interviews a variety of women, from college females who flash their breasts for "Girls Gone Wild" cameras, to those who have made their way to the top in the business world, begging the ques-

tion: Why is it that women are making sex objects of themselves and other women? Why is that to get ahead in this world, women feel as though they need to "be like a man?" Levy asks if the answers to these questions show how far women have come or prove that women still have a way to go.

One chapter addresses modern-day lesbianism, where they refer to themselves as "bois." In the most strikingly sensible chapter, she points out the convoluted messages today's teenagers are being sent. They are exposed to Maxim's (scantily clad) ideals of beauty but are being taught to say "no" to sex by their Bush administration-funded abstinence-only sex-ed programs.

Levy, however, doesn't bash men for the obstacles women still have left to overcome. She conveys that it is unfair to blame men for the objectification of women, considering that those girls who have "gone wild" begged the camera crew to film them.

Her choice of vocabulary vividly embodies her message, which can be appreciated by the "girly-girls" or the female chauvinist pigs that want to be "like a man."



A downtown research study

I am starting a new research field and anyone who wants to join me can feel free to contact me. What study you ask? It is the study of the migratory pattern of the downtown drinker.

If you have drank downtown you have probably witnessed this occurrence; drinkers roaming the streets moving from bar to bar for some reason or another.

The best example of this is the Tuesday night pint night war that has been going on for a few months now. Up until a few months ago, you could see crowds of drinkers making their way towards Frog & Peach Pub, pint glass in hand every Tuesday night.

Now there is a new bar in town, Downtown Brew (the old SLO Brew), and they have implemented a new Tuesday night pint night. The migration has begun, but soon there will be an overpopulation problem.

The crowd has come to Downtown Brew to try out the new deal: \$1 for a pint of their own house beer or a few select drafts. As opposed to \$1.25 for Bud or Bud Light at Frog & Peach

— if you have a glass.

When my friends and I first stumbled, literally, into this new deal, we were shocked. One buck for a pint of porter, no glass and, at least in the beginning, it was less crowded than Frog & Peach.

Then they started coming, the crowds, and before I knew it that dollar I was spending was only getting me a plastic cup full of beer.

This bar scene seems to mimic the rise of America. The early settlers came to this country for open spaces and new opportunities. But then the great migration began, after everyone saw what was great about America, and soon the early settlers became bitter about the new droves of people using the resources, crowding the land and ruining what they had.

The drinker on a budget looking to get a cheap drink — those are the huddled masses of the downtown scene. They flock from bar to bar, knowing which deals are on what night; pint night at Frog & Peach and Downtown Brew, 2-for-1 at Fandango, Guinness at Blue. It's the regular crowd you usually

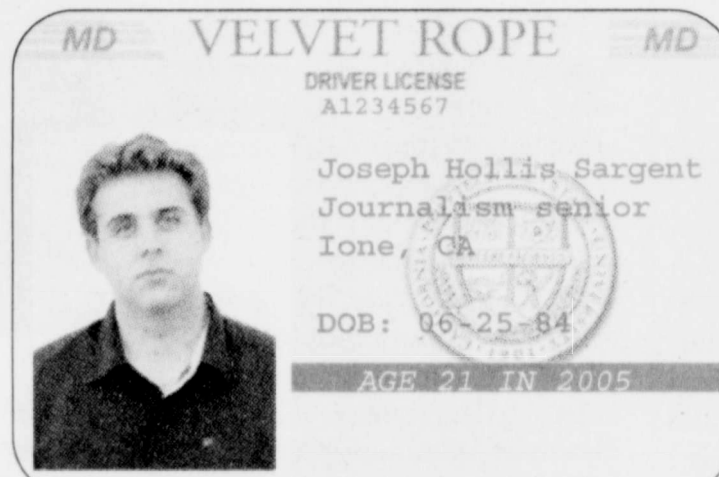
see at Mother's Tavern.

But just like immigration issues these days, I don't know what we have to do to solve the pint night fiasco.

So like a pilgrim that decides maybe the old country is not that bad, here I sit back in Frog & Peach. It's less crowded and I get a true pint for my money.

So just like I would visit Las Vegas for a "crazy" vacation once in a while, I will stop in at Downtown Brew only when I am prepared to wait in a long line and wrestle my way to the bar. Maybe by studying the patterns of these drinkers we can better understand the complex immigration problems that face the world today.

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International briefs

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Wednesday that Western countries were likely to seek economic sanctions against Iran after Tehran restarted its nuclear program, but a powerful cleric said it would not curtail its research. Iran on Tuesday broke U.N. seals at a uranium enrichment plant and said it was resuming nuclear research after a two-year freeze. Enriched uranium can be used as a fuel for both nuclear energy and nuclear weapons.

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's condition improved slightly and he was lightly sedated Wednesday as doctors hoped to remove him from all sedatives to draw him out of an induced coma and assess his chances of recovery from a massive stroke, officials said. One of his doctors said that although improving every day, Sharon was not yet out of danger.

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — A U.S. military commission began a pretrial hearing Wednesday for a Yemeni man charged with conspiracy and who served as Osama bin Laden's bodyguard.

WHO tries to allay fears over bird flu outbreak in Turkey

Kadyr Toktogulov
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANKARA, Turkey — International agencies warned against panic but cautioned Wednesday that Turkey's neighbors may be unable to keep out the bird flu that has infected at least 15 people across the country in the last week.

Nations bordering Turkey continued to step up preventive measures, disinfecting cars at border crossings, handing out leaflets and blocking people carrying birds. But health officials said the measures may prove insufficient.

"The virus may be spreading despite the control measures already taken," said Juan Lubroth, senior animal health officer at the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization.

Preliminary tests in the last week indicate that 15 people in Turkey have been infected with the deadly H5N1 strain — the largest number of cases in a single week since late 2003, when the virus began sweeping Asia. Three children have died, but only two of those cases were confirmed to have tested positive for bird flu.

Greece was sending 500 veterinary staff to border areas and spraying cars and trucks from Turkey with disinfectant. Bulgaria told its



Turkish Agriculture Ministry employees collect a goose for culling in a village outside Istanbul, Turkey on Wednesday.

citizens to avoid contact with birds. Syria stepped up checks on entering Turks. Georgian television broadcast images of panicked villagers in a border region killing chickens, geese and ducks en masse.

"The worst situation is a panic situation. There is no reason to panic," Dr. Marc Danzon, WHO regional director for Europe, told reporters at a joint news conference with Turkey's health minister.

Greece also is gathering enough antiviral drugs to supply 5 percent of the country's 11 million people.

"Whatever is humanly possible is being done. The development of the disease in Turkey is not good. ... We must not panic and we must not relax," Greek Health Minister Nikitas Kaklamanis said after an emergency ministers' meeting on bird flu.

Danzon said there were no signs that the deadly strain was being transmitted person to person in Turkey, where all of the cases appeared to have involved people who touched or played with infected birds.

Health experts have been watching closely for indications that H5N1 is mutating into a potent form passed between people, which could cause a pandemic capable of killing millions.

Turkey's government, anxious to demonstrate to its citizens and the European Union that it was taking decisive action, ordered more than 300,000 fowl destroyed as a precaution. Authorities also distributed leaflets in eastern regions most affected by the outbreak, cautioning people not to touch fowl, while TV spots urged

people to wash their hands after contact with poultry.

The measures did not keep an Italian consumer group from urging authorities to impose a ban on travel to Turkey.

Asked about whether countries should impose such restrictions, Danzon said there was no reason for such measures.

"The people of the country need to perfectly understand that the danger is contact between sick or dead poultry and a human being, especially a child," Danzon said.

EU spokesman Michael Mann praised Turkish efforts to control the diseases spread there, saying "we are happy with the measures that have been taken so far by Turkey."

WHO so far has confirmed only four of Turkey's 15 reported cases as H5N1, but said it is confident that remaining samples would be positive.

"We don't need to confirm each and every case to confirm the outbreak," said Guenael Rodier, a senior WHO official for communicable diseases.

Rodier said experts were monitoring the progress of H5N1 confirmed in two boys aged 5 and 6 who are hospitalized in Ankara but have not displayed symptoms. Rodier calling the cases the first documented at such an early stage, and indicated that authorities expect the boys to develop symptoms.

WHO said earlier Wednesday that two more people sickened by bird flu in China have died, bringing the total number of people killed by the disease in that country to five, and pushing the death toll worldwide to 78.

North Korean leader reportedly in Shanghai

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SHANGHAI, China — Secretive North Korean leader Kim Jong Il visited China's commercial hub of Shanghai on Wednesday, South Korean media reported, raising hopes of a resumption of international talks on the North's nuclear weapons program.

China has in the past announced Kim's visits only after he has returned to North Korea. His last visit was in early 2004.

It was not immediately clear how Kim traveled to China. South Korea's official Yonhap news agency said he flew to Shanghai, but South Korean cable television station YTN and a South Korean military intelligence official told The Associated Press he traveled to China on Tuesday by train.

There was no sign of any unusual activity or added security at Shanghai's main train station or at the Xijiao government guesthouse often used by official visitors.

Shanghai city government spokespeople said they had no word on a visit.

Kim, who seldom travels abroad, last visited Shanghai in January 2001, touring the city's stock exchange and foreign joint-venture companies to see capitalist-style economic reforms. He last visited China in April 2004 to meet with Chinese leaders and study reforms.

Beijing has long urged its hard-line communist neighbor to adopt Chinese-style reforms, partly to reduce its dependence on food and fuel aid supplied by China.

Reports of Kim's visit have stirred hopes for new talks on the country's nuclear weapons program. The six-nation disarmament talks have been stalled since November, and North Korea refuses to return to the negotiating table, citing hostile U.S. policies.

The talks include the two Koreas, the United States, China, Russia and Japan.

As North Korea's last major ally and aid donor, Beijing is under U.S. pressure to use its leverage to prod Pyongyang back to the talks. China has repeatedly said it wants a reduction of tensions and a non-nuclear Korean Peninsula.

China's Foreign Ministry said Tuesday that Kim planned to visit Beijing at some point — and that the nuclear issue would be a key topic for discussion — but did not give the exact timing.

Also Wednesday, South Korea's Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon said that Christopher Hill, the top U.S. nuclear negotiator, will visit Japan, South Korea and China this week for consultations.

Ban told reporters in Seoul that Hill will first travel to Japan and arrive in South Korea late Wednesday for talks the following day. The envoy will then travel Thursday night to Beijing.

Robert Ogburn, the U.S. Embassy spokesman in Seoul, said Hill's visit was "part of the effort to talk to the various parties in the six-party talks."

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Cell phones may cause cancer

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TAMPA, Fla. — It has been estimated that there are 1.2 billion cell phone users, according to Network World magazine. Whether these cell phone users are in danger of adverse health effects such as cancer is still a concern. Are these cell phone users in danger of getting cancer, brain tumors or other health problems as a result of cell phone radiation?

According to The Associated Press, companies such as Motorola, Nokia, Sprint and Cingular Wireless are facing charges that the radiation their cell phones emit is at a dangerous level and these companies had previous knowledge of the radiation danger.

"My parents didn't want me to use my (cell) phone too much because they were afraid it was going to be harmful," junior Quang Lee said.

Class action lawsuits against these cell phone manufacturers have been filed in Pennsylvania, Georgia, New York, Louisiana and

Maryland. The cases eventually were taken to federal court in Baltimore but were dismissed by Judge Catherine Blake. The Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals then reinstated the five cases. Four of the cases have been sent to the state courts again, and the fifth will be tried at the federal level. On Oct. 31, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected an appeal from cell phone manufacturers, who were hoping to have the cases dismissed once again.

Cell phones are potentially linked to brain tumors, cancer, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, fatigue and headaches. Even though the phones emit only a low level of radiation, cell phones are still thought to be dangerous because of the proximity to the head during use.

"Because hand-held cellular telephones are used close to the head, there is concern that the RF (radio frequency) energy produced by these devices may affect the brain," the American Cancer Institute said on Cancer.gov.

Rhode Island becomes latest state to legalize medicinal marijuana

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DAILY TOREADOR (TEXAS TECH)

LUBBOCK, Texas — Winter may be far from over, but Rhode Island is already starting to see green; it recently became the 11th state to legalize medicinal marijuana.

The Ocean State's decision came about six months after the U.S. Supreme Court's June ruling that those who use the drug, even for medical purposes, still can be prosecuted under federal law.

Joining the ranks of California and Colorado, Rhode Island now allows marijuana to be both grown and used for medicinal purposes.

State law now allows patients being treated for illnesses such as AIDS and cancer to purchase up to 2.5 ounces or grow up to 12 plants of marijuana after registering with the state and gaining an identification card.

Paul Armentano, the senior policy analyst for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, said Rhode Island's legalization of medicinal marijuana aligns with the wishes of the public.

"It is an indication that at least

some states' politicians have caught up with the wills of voters," he said of the ruling.

Politics and the issue of health care should be separated, Armentano said. "Politics shouldn't play a role in health care," he said. "Yet, in this case they do. Unfortunately, because it is marijuana, it's held up to a different standard (than most other varieties of medicine)."

Armentano said despite the federal ruling that prohibits medical marijuana across the nation, state laws similar to those adapted by Rhode Island generally have proved to have a deep impact.

Armentano said state laws provided adequate protection to the patients using hemp as a form of treatment.

"Less than one percent of the annual arrests for possession of marijuana are done federally," he said. "Instead, they are often done locally."

Armentano said figures such as this provided support for the notion that the new state law would have an effect upon the Rhode Island citizens.

Despite the ruling, doctors are still not permitted to legally prescribe

marijuana as a treatment under federal law. In 2002, one Oregon doctor had his license suspended after approving half of the state's medicinal marijuana applications. The suspension came about three years after medical marijuana was legalized in the state.

With the spotlight now secured on a new horizon of reform, Armentano said other states have been emerging into various stages of the marijuana debate.

"New Jersey, Michigan and New Mexico have bills pending," he said.

As for Texas, Armentano said the Lone Star State would likely ponder the issue in coming years.

"Texas had a bill that was considered last year," he said. "It hasn't had a lot of success in moving the issue. My assumption is that the bill will be reintroduced and be a subject of debate for the Texas Legislature."

Armentano said he suspected 2007 might prove to be a pivotal year for multiple states to address the issue.

Nikki Hannemann, a sophomore art history major from Hondo, said she does not believe Texas will follow in Rhode Island's footsteps any time soon.



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COMMENTARY

No, you da ho

I shifted uncomfortably in the passenger seat, and then toyed with the heat controls for a minute, hoping one of those buttons would cause my mother's question to vanish instantly from my mind, instead of hanging over our heads in the silent car on an errand run over break. Moments earlier she had lowered the volume, cleared her throat and asked, "So, sweetheart...do you know about these parties where girls give boys blowjobs?"

How could I even begin to answer such a question from my proper, sweet mother, who in my mind had sex three times to produce us and then called it a day? Well gosh, Mom...do you mean the parties where everyone gets wasted and two people drunkenly search for an empty room where the guy will whiskey dick the girl after ten minutes of hard work? In that case, yes I know those parties, and I attend them regularly and have occasionally been that girl. Or the crazy

swinger ones where people abandon every article of clothing upon entering some erotic mansion and love it up with twenty or thirty strangers? Because those parties I haven't been to...yet.

It's not just my mother. A high school friend found herself mortified beyond words when her mother recently declared, "Did you know some married men like to put their penises in their wives butts? I read an article about it." Clearly a generational gap concerning hot sex has emerged. According to the National Study of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles conducted in 2000, the average age at which most young people lose their virginity is now 16 — that's quite a difference from 21, which was the average age 50 years ago. Furthermore, with the continued welcome introduction of gay culture into the mainstream, accompanied with newer and more available means of birth control, young people today have created a quieter but seemingly much kinkier sexual revolution than the free lovers of the sixties did.

Of course, the powers that be (namely the ones who are completely clueless about sex today, like so many of our mothers) believe that ignoring the fact that kids just want to get down is the best solution, hence the friendly but eerily energized abstinence speakers we had to sit through in high school. But too often the speakers turned sex into the proverbial apple tree, and like sinful, hormone-driven Adams and Eves the majority of us hunkered down at the roots and stuffed ourselves full of that which is forbidden.

So young people today hear two sides of the argument: that yes, everyone is doing it and you should too, or no, you dirty slut, get thee to a nunnery. If our parents only knew what the majority of kids today were up to, imagine the fire and brimstone that would ensue — the term limit amendment would be thrown out and W would be voted president for life, running on a "no sex for anybody!" platform.

I write this not to convey the fact that, while others (notably monks and asexuals) may find the sexual activities of our generation as somewhat eyebrow raising, that in the end we could all use a little more lovin' — and don't let any embarrassingly innocent questions your mom might have tell you otherwise.

Questions? Comments? Shoot an e-mail to jedman@calpoly.edu if you hear of any of those parties — yes, those parties.



COMMENTARY

The tale of Jimmy Stewart and the banana penis

The first time I really sat down and thought about how sexually charged our generation has become was at a Cotillion Club dance in high school. Members of the Cotillion Club were upperclassmen only (juniors and seniors) whose privilege was to attend regular banquet dances at a fancy hotel. There were three extremely important goals at each Cotillion Dance: Elevate your BAL to within inches of death, feast on appetizers and banquet dishes to within inches of coma, and then pair up with somebody hot on the dance floor and jack each other off. Somehow a lot of these kids, aged 16-18, were completely dismissive of the patrolling parent chaperones and the crowd of hundreds, happily masturbating each other to their heart's content. I found myself thinking about how drastically different the high school dance in the 40s movie "It's a Wonderful Life" was, how Jimmy Stewart can barely muster the courage to give Donna Reed a goodnight kiss, and how nakedness was so taboo that Donna Reed fully hides herself in a bush after her robe falls off. It wasn't an after-sex robe, it was just because she had fallen in the school pool. In that era, spiking the punch was probably the dirtiest conceivable act for unmarried teenage kids.

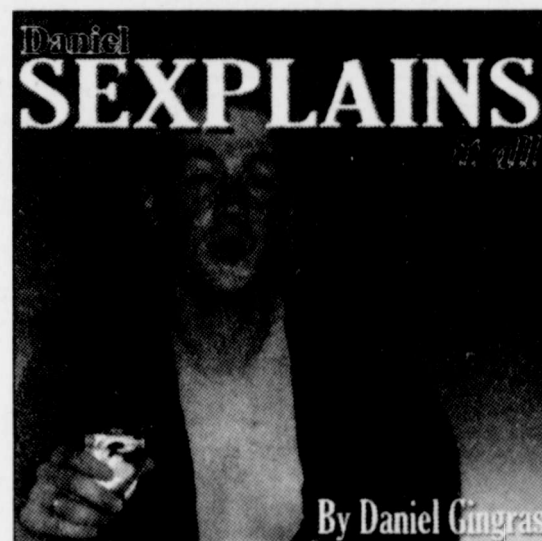
From the 60s to today, sexuality has steadily charged into the center stage of American culture. Good parents are still dissuading it and many religions still teach that you wait for marriage, yet kids are expressing their sexuality at increasingly younger ages.

What factors contribute to the sexually active youth? Marty Klein (Ph.D) in his paper "The History and Future of Sex" suggests numerous reasons, including the Internet and pornography, the cultural normalization of female masturbation, kids' increased private time at home after school, and even the significance of email replacing the written love letter.

My theory is that the youths' "perceived maturity" has gone up. What I mean is that with the rise of technology and the growing open-mindedness and social acceptance of sexuality (sexuality is even a part of politics now!) kids are getting exposed to the stuff at younger ages, and are deciding for themselves that they are informed enough to experiment sexually. Put yourself in the shoes of a 14-year-old in the year 2006. Think about how you probably own a cell phone on which you can have private conversations with members of the opposite sex. If not, Nielsen/Netratings reports that 75 percent of all homes in the U.S. have the Internet, so you can probably use email or IRC (Internet relay chat like MSN or AIM) to communicate. It was only a decade ago that I had to ask my parents for permission to use the phone when I wanted to play baseball with my buddies, and surely I would never dare to request a phone call with a girl. And these days, unless your V-chip gets programmed or your parents pay a lot of attention to your TV habits at home and away, you have seen half a million soft-core sex scenes on daytime TV. If you stay up past your bedtime, you will surely see tits on HBO.

I think sexuality is a very natural, healthy thing. I don't necessarily agree with losing your virginity at 14 years old, but what I do think is important given that we can't seem curb the libidos of our youth, we must abandon dated abstinence programs and focus on sex education. I was fortunate enough to have a lady in 5th grade come to the class and show me how to put a condom on a banana, and for the sake of preventing unwanted pregnancies and STDs nationwide, every kid should, metaphorically, handle a banana penis.

For comments, questions, or to have Daniel come to your house and demonstrate the use of a condom on a banana for your children, write to dgingras@calpoly.edu.



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"I really shouldn't take Nyquil before work."

Resolutions

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with a few shooters a chance at greatness for one year.

While I applaud the Warriors' effort to rebuild downtown Oakland one brick at a time, a playoff series victory would do more to rejuvenate the city. With the Warriors record being 17-16, there is little complaint now about Baron Davis and Jason Richardson being third and fourth in the NBA in three-point attempts. The public outcry will come when the Warriors are dismantled in a 1st round playoff series.

"Stay inside" - Marcus Vick

Before Monday night, Vick's criminal record consisted of everything from being accused of rape, to marijuana possession to reckless driving. His football record included a year suspension in 2004 and deliberately stomping on Elvis Dumervil's calf in the Toyota Gator Bowl game this year. Less than a week after being kicked off the Virginia Tech football

team and announcing his intentions to enter the draft, Vick then added "pointing a gun at teenagers in a McDonald's parking lot" to his rap sheet on Monday night.

I won't even ask how the brother of Atlanta Falcons star QB Michael Vick (and one who is supposedly "preparing for the NFL draft") finds himself at a McDonald's parking lot. His brother couldn't hook him up at some nice steak house? How about Applebee's? Sizzler? McDonald's was his first choice? Really? How's all of that training and dieting going?

Sadly, he will still be drafted by a team desperate enough for a QB, but Marcus should avoid all public contact until he's drafted and signed. The only good thing I can see coming out of this is a reality TV show entitled, The Vicks: Brothers in Arms (pun intended). Just make sure he's not sent to NFL Europe, as I'm pretty sure he'd be deemed too dangerous to travel abroad.

"Shave the mustache" - Gonzaga's Adam Morrison

If you don't know what I'm talking about, just look at any 13-year-old boy with a wispy mustache. Now imagine it instead on a college basketball superstar.

"Retire" - Brett Favre

I'd love to use this space in my column to make excuses for Brett Favre, but I can't. With 29 interceptions and his worst career passer rating (70.9) this year, it's time to hang it up. It's gotten to the point where a 3rd and 10 for the Packers is like a 1st and goal for their opponents (the defensive backs have a better shot at a TD than do the receivers). Don't stay and tarnish your legacy - in the words of the immortal Ron Burgundy: "Maybe sit the next couple plays out."

"Never Retire" - Joe Paterno

A year ago the press was calling for his retirement from Penn State. Now, after winning the Orange Bowl and finishing the season 11-1 ranked No. 3 in the nation, the press is voting him Coach of the Year. After winning 354 games and

enduring a dramatic triple OT game at the age of 79, who's to say when he should stop? I want him on the field with a respirator if that is what it takes to keep him a Nittany Lion. When he finally passes out on the sidelines, I want his body preserved and kept in a glass case a la Lenin style.

His mere presence on the field would ensure a .500 record. They could have a cart drive him up and down the sidelines or ship him to prep athletes' houses for recruiting. In fact, he could even replace the national championship trophy. Paterno could be college football's version of the NHL Stanley Cup as he is passed around from player to player at the end of the season. I will now step away from the keyboard before I am struck by lightning.

"Meet Bob Barker" - Me

Speaking of human statues - this is completely unrelated to this column - or so you think. While I'm sure everyone reading this had much better things to do this winter break than watch The Price is Right, I

didn't. As a result, I happened to catch one of our very own Mustangs win the showcase show-down. The Mustang Maniacs were there in full force, proving once and for all their unrelenting commitment to support Cal Poly students, regardless of whether or not the competition is technically a "sport."

My question to all of you who were there is this: Is Bob Barker real? Does he give off that old people smell? Does he only respond to a series of preprogrammed commands? Most importantly, did you ask him how it felt to punch Adam Sandler? If none of you can write in to answer these pressing questions, I will be forced to investigate for myself. Now there's a resolution I can keep: "One dollar Bob."

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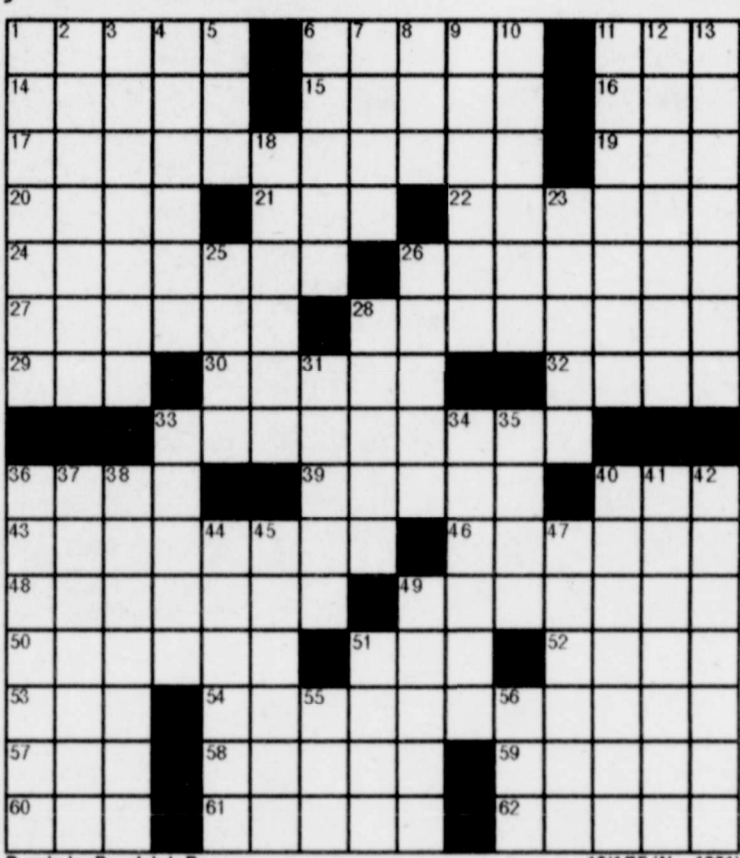
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 - 15 Farm letters?
 - 16 Squishee seller on "The Simpsons"
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 - 19 Kauai keepsake
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 - 33 Start of a British poet's card game?
 - 36 Sailing
 - 39 Positive end
 - 40 Citrus ___, Calif.
 - 43 Desk clerks, bellhops, maids, etc.?
 - 46 Angry with
 - 48 Turn into something else
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 - 51 "Frisco ___" (1945 crime drama)
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 - 6 Supermarket section
 - 7 One from Germany?
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 - 9 Connected (with)
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 - 11 Flockhart of "Ally McBeal"
 - 12 Alfresco
 - 13 "No problem here"
 - 18 Makes an unwanted pass at
 - 23 Like a good subject
 - 25 Big name in late-night



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37 Not a good looker?
38 Catch
40 Scheherazade, for one
41 New York's State Parkway
42 Filaments' structures
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Basketball

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look for UOP and Fullerton to be at the top ... and then the jockeying begins," Williams said. "I don't think there's going to be a big difference between the number three and the number eight teams."

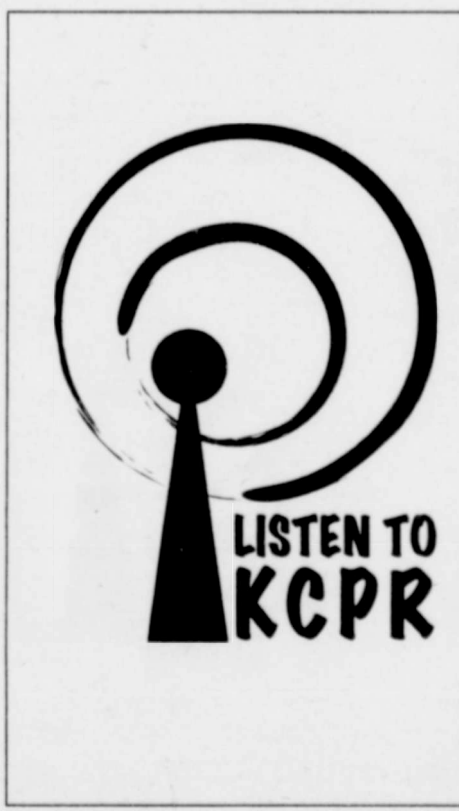
Early as it is, March Madness is on the horizon and the post-season picture becomes clearer every week. And while his Tigers crashed the NCAA Tournament as an at-large team last year, a rare multi-team appearance from the Big West, Pacific coach Bob Thomason said the winner of the conference tournament will likely be flying solo.

"I don't think there's any team as good as we were last year," Thomason said. "We had an unbelievable year ... but you have to have (a year like we did last year) to get two teams."

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BIG WEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS		
Men's Basketball		
TEAM	OVERALL	B.W.
UC Irvine	6-8	2-0
Cal State Fullerton	8-5	2-2
Cal Poly	4-10	2-2
UC Riverside	2-12	2-2
Pacific	10-5	3-1
Cal State Northridge	6-6	1-1
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COMING TOMORROW: TEAM-BY-TEAM BREAKDOWN OF THE MEN'S SIDE OF BIG WEST BASKETBALL

Big West: A big fall down

UC Irvine leads the conference while pre-season favorites Cal State Fullerton and Pacific both fell victim to upsets in week one

Frank Stranzl
MUSTANG DAILY

O' how the mighty hath fallen. University of the Pacific and Cal State Fullerton were the consensus pre-season picks to top of the Big West, but early conference upsets have thrown the standings into upheaval.

Cal Poly (4-10, 2-2) and UC Riverside (2-12, 2-2) entered Big West play as the proverbial long shots to win the conference championship. But not so fast, both schools scored huge upsets in the opening week of Big West play.

First came Cal Poly's victory against the pre-season favorite, Fullerton (8-5, 2-2). The Mustangs kept it close at halftime, trailing 35-30 and found a familiar friend in many modern day upsets, the three-point shot. Cal Poly connected on 8 of 13 three-point shots and posted a 53-spot in the second half to pull away from the Titans.

Next, UC Riverside followed up a road trip to the Central Coast, beating UC Santa Barbara (6-8, 1-3) 81-78 for its first win of the season, by defeating highly touted Pacific (10-5, 1-1). Riverside's Rickey Porter was the story, scoring 40 points on 13 for 19 shooting, including seven-for-seven from three-point range.

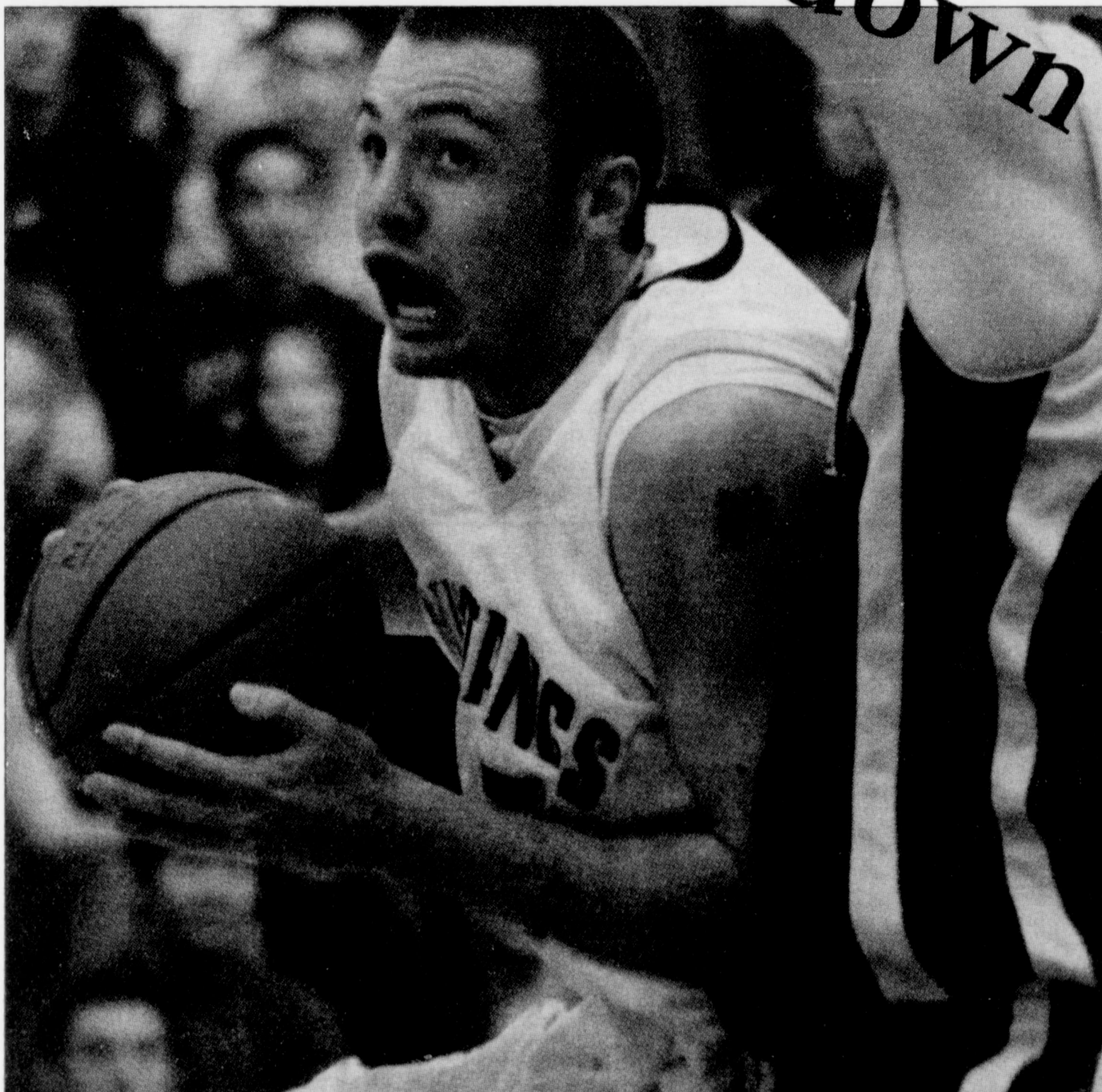
That's right, the same Riverside that lost to Div. III Puget Sound 115-111 earlier this season.

Despite his team's non-conference struggles, Riverside coach David Spencer said in a Big West conference call Wednesday that every team must be considered a contender.

"It would appear to me that (the conference) is wide open," Spencer said. "The only team that has a chance to go undefeated at this point is Irvine."

Irvine (6-8, 2-0) stands alone atop the Big West after narrowly escaping Mott Gym with a 69-67 final-minute win and earning another close victory over UC Santa Barbara.

Add it all up and the answer



Gabe Stephenson and the Mustangs are tied for second in the Big West at 2-2 with Cal State Fullerton and UC Riverside. Early season upsets, including Cal Poly over Fullerton, have the Big West standings in disarray.

seems quite simple: The Big West is weak this season. Even if Pacific or Fullerton runs the table into March, neither has the non-conference wins necessary to receive an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Coaches across the league were quick to point out the conference isn't as weak as it appears on paper.

Cal Poly coach Kevin Bromley said scheduling is an issue for teams throughout the Big West.

"You ask any coach in this conference and they can't get the mid to high major schools to come in and play them at home so you can't

get your team's RPI up unless you go on the road," Bromley said during Wednesday's conference call. "I know Stanford's down, but is any-

"Our conference gets beat up a lot in the non-conference because we have to go on the road."

— KEVIN BROMLEY
CAL POLY HEAD COACH

body in the Big West supposed to go up and beat Stanford on a regular basis?"

Stanford was 1-2 against Big West teams if you include UC Davis. The Aggies are transitioning from Div. II to Div. I and will enter

the Big West for the 2007-08 basketball season.

All three games were played at Stanford.

"Our conference gets beat up a lot in the non-conference because we have to go on the road," Bromley said. "Then we beat up on each other in the conference and they think we're not any good, but I disagree."

Looking at Bromley's assessment, this year should be no different in the eyes of people unfamiliar with the Big West.

Though upsets have dominated the headlines thus far, UCSB coach Bob Williams said there are two teams who stand above the rest.

"When all is said and done, I

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SPORTS BALK



WITH BRAD

As I sit here tanning in the faint glow radiating from my computer monitor, eating stale Oreos and contemplating cracking open my textbook for the first time this quarter, several possible New Year's resolutions come to mind. What will mine be this year you ask? Lose weight, exercise, improve my grades? Not exactly my type of resolutions; those would require commitment and effort, both of which are not my forte. I prefer to instead, assign tasks to others. It is in that spirit of giving still left over from the holiday season that I give to you the resolutions those in the world of sports should be making:

"For the love of all that is NBA basketball, stop shooting threes" – The Warriors

Did someone forget to give Mike Montgomery the memo that he's not at Stanford anymore? The Warriors are second in the NBA in three-point attempts with 793 (24 per game), which coincidentally (24th) is also their ranking in three point percentage at .338. That extra three to four feet for an NBA three would be the most obvious reason for Montgomery's collegiate strategies failing to succeed in the NBA, but it's not the only one.

Shooting the basketball is dependent on rhythm. Pounding the ball inside and taking easy shots is methodical. In a seven-game series, you can beat the other team into submission with an inside approach that can be maintained through the ups and downs in momentum. The shooting touch is fleeting; you may be able to steal a game or two, but you'll never ride threes all the way to an NBA championship in the NBA. The NCAA is set up differently; the 40-minute clock and the one-game elimination style of the NCAA tournament allows any team

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BUSH NFL BOUND?

Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush will announce Thursday whether he'll return to Southern California for his senior season or enter the NFL draft.

He has kept a low profile since USC lost to Texas 41-38 for the national championship in the Rose Bowl game Jan. 4. Underclassmen have until Sunday to apply for the April 29-30 draft.

Bush is to make his announcement in the morning on campus. He has been projected for months as the No. 1 overall pick, and it will be surprising if he returns to the Trojans.

Former teammate Lendale White declared himself eligible for the draft on Wednesday.

—Associated Press

NATIONALLY RANKED

John Nguyen, a key member of the Cal Poly men's tennis team, is currently ranked 54th in the nation. With the ranking, Nguyen becomes the highest ranked Big West men's tennis athlete in singles play.

A junior from Anaheim, Nguyen is also ranked 13th in the Western Region Ranking. The only player to make it to semi-final play at the Northern California Regionals, Nguyen continues to be an asset to the Mustang team both in singles and doubles play.

Nguyen will lead the Mustangs against Fresno State on Sunday, January 22 during a 3 p.m. away match.

The next four matches for the Mustangs will be against nationally-ranked Division I opponents Fresno State, San Diego State, Pepperdine, and UNLV, followed by a match against nationally ranked Division II team UCSD.

—Sports Information Report



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